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ABSTRACT

Information on the size, composition, and family income of farm wageworker households (any household with at least 1 person 14 years of age or over who performed farm wagework at any time during the year, even if for only 1 day) in 1971 is presented. Households were classified as: (1) regular--households with at least 1 member who performed 150 days or more of farm wagework during the year; (2) seasonal--households with at least 1 member who performed less than 150 days of farm wagework during the year; and (3) migratory--households with at least 1 member who traveled across county lines and stayed away from home at least overnight to perform farmwork for cash wages. Data were obtained by the Bureau of the Census as a supplementary part of the regular Current Population Survey conducted in December 1971. The relative well-being among the 3 classes of farm wageworker households is based on a comparison of family income and number of household members. The proportion of households with dependent children was also considered. The household's relative dependence on agriculture for members' employment and income is shown by indicating the household relationship of the person (head, wife, dependent, or other person over 18) employed in farmwork and the duration of his or her employment at farmwork and the income earned. (NQ)

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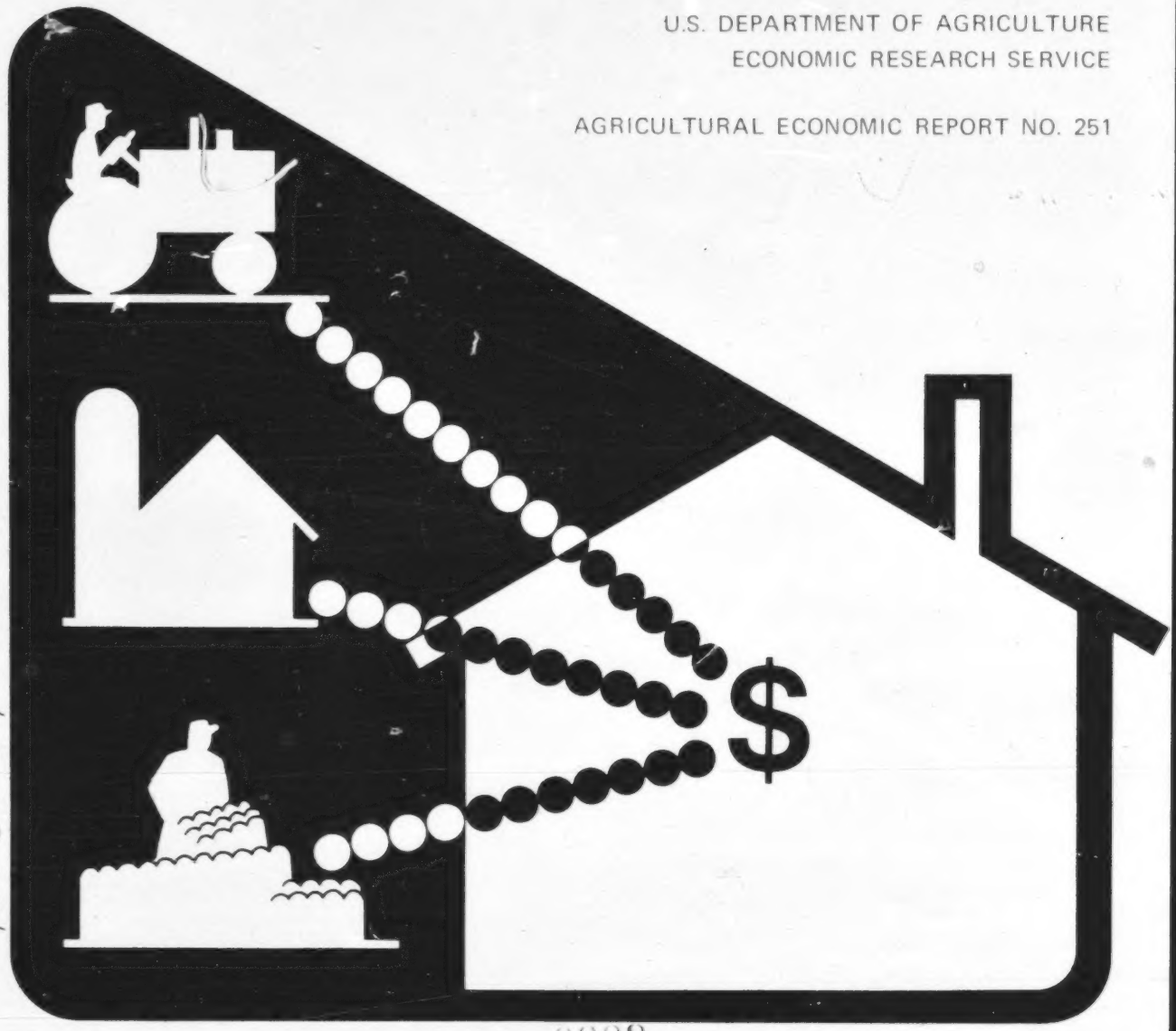

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ABSTRACT

There were 2,012,000 households in 1971 that contained at least one person who performed farm wagework during the year. In terms of type of farm wagework, 81 percent of the households were seasonal farm wageworker households, 10 percent were regular, and 13 percent were year-round. Also 7 percent of all farm wageworker households had at least one member who performed migratory farm wagework. (Because some households had more than one type of farm wageworker, these percentages total to more than 100.)

Farm wageworker households contained 9,108,000 persons and averaged 4.5 members per household. Of these total members, 2,550,000 (28 percent) performed farm wagework.

Median family income for all farm wageworker households in 1971 was $5,712, slightly more than half that for all households in the Nation. Approximately 37 percent of the households had family incomes of $7,500 or more. About 29 percent of them contained six or more members.

Keywords: farm wageworker household, year-round farm wageworker household, seasonal farm wageworker household, regular farm wageworker household, migratory farm wageworker household, family income, earnings, farm wagework.

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PREFACE

This report was prepared at the request of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). FNS has the primary responsibility for administering programs of food stamps and food distribution for needy families, which, of course, include farmworker households as well as other types of occupational households.

FNS's concern leading to the request was the lack of information on family income of farm wageworker households. Since family income and size of family are two basic criteria for certification of family eligibility for food stamps or food distribution services, FNS has need of relevant data on this occupational group for decisionmaking and program operation.

Although the Census Bureau has conducted for the Department's Economic Research Service (ERS) an annual sample survey from which ERS publishes information on the number, composition, demographic characteristics, duration of employment, and earnings of individual farm wageworkers, no national census of farmworker households exists and none is attempted herein. Instead, the 1971 ERS sample survey was utilized to collect and compile family income on the various types of farm wageworker households by size of household. The data have been presented in the form requested by FNS.

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HIGHLIGHTS

-- In 1971, 2,012,000 households in the United States had at least one member who was part of the farm wagework force of that year--about 1 out of every 33 households in the Nation.

-- These households contained a total of 9,108,000 persons, with 2,550,000 of these performing farm wagework. The rate of farm work force participation among all the household members was 28 percent.

-- Individual farm wageworkers earned an average of $882 from farmwork and $698 from nonfarm work, for an annual total of $1,580.

-- Median annual family income for all farm wageworker households was $5,712.

-- Annual earnings of individual farm wageworkers therefore equaled 28 percent of the median family income of all farm wageworker households.

-- Individual earnings as a proportion of median family income varied significantly by type of farm wageworker:

> Seasonal farm wageworkers--those working less than 150 days in farm wagework--earned an average of $1,122, or 19 percent of the median family income of their households.
>
> Regular workers--those working 150 to 249 days at farm wagework--earned $2,879, or 70 percent of their households' median family income.
>
> Year-round farmworkers--those working 250 or more days at farm wagework--earned $3,903, or 76 percent of their households' median family income.
>
> Migratory farmworkers--those who traveled across county lines and stayed away from home at least overnight to perform farmwork for cash wages--earned $1,630, or 27 percent of the median family income of their households.

-- 37 percent of all farm wageworker households had family income of $7,500 or more, but the percentages varied by type of household:

> 40 percent of seasonal farm wageworker households, 19 percent of regular farmworker households, 26 percent of year-round farmworker households, and 45 percent of migratory farm wageworker households received a family income of $7,500 or more.

-- 29 percent of all farm wageworker households contained six or more members.

-- 31 percent of seasonal farmworker households, 23 percent of regular farmworker households, 26 percent of year-round households, and 38 percent of migratory farmworker households had six or more members.

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-- Size of family and rates of participation in farm wagework by the different types of farm wageworker households were as follows:

All farm wageworker households averaged 4.5 members per household and 1.3 of them did some farm wagework, for a farm wagework participation rate of 28 percent.

Seasonal farm wageworker households averaged 4.6 members and 1.3 farm wageworkers, for a participation rate of 28 percent.

Regular farmworker households averaged 4.2 members per household and 1.5 farm wageworkers, for a farm wagework participation rate of 36 percent.

Year-round farmworker households averaged 4.4 members and 1.3 farm wageworkers, for a participation rate of 27 percent.

Households with members performing migratory farm wagework averaged 4.8 members and 1.4 farm wageworkers, for a farm wagework participation rate of 29 percent.

-- 87 percent of the migratory farm wageworkers resided in households with seasonal farm wageworkers.

-- 38 percent, or 958,000, of all persons in the hired farm work force were heads of a household.

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INCOME OF FARM WAGEWORKER HOUSEHOLDS IN 1971

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INTRODUCTION

This report presents information on the size, composition, and family income of 1971's farm wageworker households by type of workers. Any household that contained at least one person 14 years of age or over who performed farm wagework at any time during the year, even if for only 1 day, is included in the study.

The data were obtained through the annual survey conducted for the Economic Research Service by the Bureau of the Census as a supplementary part of the regular Current Population Survey (CPS) made in December 1971. The CPS is a sample survey; thus, the estimates in this report are based on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variability. They may differ somewhat from the results that would have been obtained from another sample, or from a complete census using the same schedules, instructions, and interviewers (1). 1/ The survey coverage and the reliability of the estimates are discussed in appendix A. Definitions or explanations of terms used in this report are given in appendix B.

During 1971, 2,012,000 households in the Nation, with a total of 9,108,000 members, had 2,550,000 members who were classified as farm wageworkers. The annual median family income of these households was $5,712--56 percent of the national median family income of $10,285. Average annual earnings of individuals in these households engaged in farm wagework was $1,580, nearly 30 percent of the annual median income of these farm wageworker families. This $1,580 was $5,019, or 75 percent, less than the national average earnings of nonsupervisory nonagricultural workers in 1971 (5).

For purposes of this study, most of the analysis of farm wageworker households was done under three major classifications: (1) regular farm wageworker households--households with at least one member who performed 150 days or more of farm wagework during the year 2/; (2) seasonal farm wageworker households--households with at least one member who performed less than 150 days of farm wagework during the year; and (3) migratory farm wageworker households--households with at least one member who traveled across county lines and stayed away from home at least overnight to perform farmwork for cash wages.

1/ Underscored numbers in parentheses refer to items in Literature Cited, p. 50.

2/ This includes households with workers who performed 250 or more days of farm wagework and who usually are referred to in other reports, and in some instances herein, as year-round workers.

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It is important to note that an aggregation of these classifications of farm wageworker households can result in a significant amount of duplication. This is because a household may contain more than one type of worker. For example, a household may contain both a seasonal and a migratory farm wageworker. Since a seasonal farm wageworker household is defined as one having at least one member who performed seasonal farmwork during the year, and a migratory farm wageworker household is defined as one with at least one member performing farmwork during the year, duplication occurs when the same household contains at least one of each of these types of workers. A similar type of duplication could occur whenever there is any other combination of seasonal, regular, or migratory farm wageworkers in one household. However, there is no duplication (1) in the total number of farmworker households, or (2) within the individual types of farm wageworker households--seasonal, regular, and migratory.

The basic objective of this report is to indicate the relative well-being among the three classes of farm wageworker households, based on a comparison of family income and number of household members. This evaluation considers family income, the proportion of households with dependent children, and the number of members in the households. In addition, the report evaluates the household's relative dependence on agriculture for members' employment and income. This dependence is shown by indicating the household relationship of the person (head, wife, dependent, or other person over 18) employed in farmwork and the duration of his or her employment at farmwork and the income earned from it.

DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS IN THE NUMBER OF FARM WAGEWORKER HOUSEHOLDS AND THEIR COMPOSITION

In 1971, 2,012,000 households in the United States were classified as farm wageworker households--households with at least 1 member performing farm wagework during the year. These households made up approximately 3 percent of all households, farm and nonfarm, in the United States.

Approximately 1,639,000, or 81 percent, of the farm wageworker households contain members who performed farm wagework for less than 150 days during the year (seasonal workers). About 202,000, or 10 percent, of the households contained members who performed 150 to 249 days of farm wagework during the year. And 259,000, or 13 percent, contained members who performed farm wagework for 250 or more days. In 1,871,000 households (93 percent of the total), all farmworker members engaged only in nonmigratory farm wagework. The remaining 141,000 households--7 percent of all farm wageworker households--contained members who engaged in some migratory farm wagework. 3/

Of the total 2,012,000 farm wageworker households, 958,000, or 48 percent, were headed by a farm wageworker, while the remaining 1,054,000, or 52 percent, were headed by a nonfarm wageworker. The 48 percent represents a decline of 16 percent from 1965, when comparable data were obtained, in the number of households with a hired farmworker that have a farm wageworker as the head.

3/ 1971 marked the alltime low in the number of migrant workers since the beginning of the surveys of this group in 1949.

Among migratory farm wageworkers there was a 67 percent decline from 1965 in the number of households headed by a migratory farm wageworker. Table 1 shows other changes that occurred during the 6-year period, including a proportional decline in the number of wives of the heads of migrant households doing farm wagework and an increase in the proportion of other members of migrant families doing such work, as well as indications of changes in the work status of nonmigratory farm wageworkers by household relationship.

Table 1--Number and distribution of migratory and nonmigratory farm wageworkers, by household relationship, 1965 and 1971

Household relationship	Migratory				Nonmigratory			
	Number		Percentage		Number		Percentage	
	1965	1971	1965	1971	1965	1971	1965	1971
	----Thou.----		-----Pct.----		----Thou.----		-----Pct.---	
Total farm wageworkers	466	172	100	100	2,662	2,378	100	100
Head of household	180	59	39	35	967	899	36	38
Wife of head	59	9	13	5	356	219	14	9
Other member, under 18	112	47	24	27	803	791	30	33
Other member, 18 and over	114	57	24	33	537	469	20	20

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1965 and 1971.

These changes occurred while the numbers of migratory and nonmigratory farm wageworkers declined 63 percent and 11 percent, respectively. However, one cannot assume that these decreases will continue. Between 1971 and 1972, the number of working migrants increased by 12,000 to 184,000, while nonmigratory farmworkers increased by about 250,000, for a combined increase of approximately 260,000 in the hired farm working force during this period (9).

TRENDS IN THE PERSONAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF FARM WAGEWORKERS

Of the 2,550,000 farm wageworkers in 1971, 172,000, or 7 percent, were migratory farm wageworkers, and 2,378,000, or 93 percent, were nonmigratory farm wageworkers (table 2). Approximately 64 percent of all migratory workers were under 25 years of age, while 57 percent of the nonmigratory workers were in this age group. In addition, 83 percent (142,000) of all migratory workers were male, compared with 76 percent (1,802,000 males) for the nonmigratory segment. Therefore, considerably more than half of all farm wageworkers in 1971 were under 25 years and approximately four-fifths were male. These proportions, which differed slightly between the migratory and nonmigratory components of the 1971 hired farm working force, are generally consistent with

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Table 2--Number and distribution of migratory and nonmigratory farm wageworkers, by age and sex, 1965 and 1971

Migratory status and age	Total				Male				Female			
	Number		Percentage		Number		Percentage		Number		Percentage 1/	
	1965	1971	1965	1971	1965	1971	1965	1971	1965	1971	1965	1971
	----Thou.----		-----Pct.----		----Thou.----		-----Pct.----		----Thou.----		-----Pct.----	
Migratory	466	172	100	100	334	142	100	100	132	30	100	--
Under 25 years	244	110	53	64	186	92	56	65	58	18	44	--
14-17	119	47	26	27	94	39	28	27	25	8	19	--
18-24	125	63	27	37	92	53	28	38	33	10	25	--
25 years and over	221	63	47	36	148	50	44	35	74	12	56	--
25-54	172	48	37	28	111	38	33	26	62	10	47	--
55 and over	49	15	10	8	37	12	11	9	12	2	9	--
Nonmigratory	2,662	2,378	100	100	1,871	1,802	100	100	791	576	100	100
Under 25 years	1,361	1,347	51	56	980	1,064	52	59	380	282	48	49
14-17	821	791	31	33	595	627	32	35	225	163	28	28
18-24	540	556	20	23	385	437	20	24	155	119	20	21
25 years and over	1,301	1,032	49	44	891	737	48	41	410	295	52	51
25-54	954	725	36	31	618	495	33	28	336	230	42	40
55 and over	347	307	13	13	273	242	15	13	74	65	10	11

1/ Percentages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Source: (3), (8).

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the high proportion of younger workers and males in the hired farm working force in recent years.

The 1965 farm wage work force of 3.1 million was composed of 466,000 migratory farm wageworkers (15 percent of the total) and 2,662,000, or 85 percent, nonmigratory farm wageworkers (3). Approximately 50 percent of both the migratory and nonmigratory farmworkers were under 25 in 1965, compared with 57 percent in 1971. About 334,000 (72 percent) of all migratory workers and 1,871,000 (70 percent) of all nonmigratory workers were male.

These comparisons show that the proportions of the farm work force under age 25 and male have increased significantly since 1965. These proportions do not differ significantly between the migratory and nonmigratory segments. However, the proportion which all migrants constitute of the total hired farm working force declined by about half.

The 1971 farm wagework force was predominately white. Whites comprised 91 percent of all migratory workers and 78 percent of nonmigratory workers (table 3). Although farm wageworkers in 1965 were also predominately white--78 percent and 69 percent, respectively, for the migratory and nonmigratory segments--the change over the 6-year period indicates a tendency of "Negro and other races" to move out of the farm labor force 4/. Table 3 indicates both

4/ Spanish-Americans, which constitute about 32 percent of the total hired farm working force, are classified as white. "Other races" include Indians, Japanese, Filipinos, and Chinese.

Table 3--Number of migratory and nonmigratory farm wageworkers, by race and region, 1965 and 1971

Region and race	Migratory			Nonmigratory		
	Number		Percent change	Number		Percent change
	1965	1971		1965	1971	
	----Thou.----		--Pct.-	----Thou.----		--Pct.--
U.S.:						
White	363	157	-57	1,842	1,845	1/
Negro and other races	103	15	-85	820	533	-35
South:						
White	113	44	-61	682	559	-18
Negro and other races	75	12	-84	739	476	-36
West:						
White	124	78	-37	491	457	-7
Negro and other races	20	4	-80	39	31	-21

1/ Less than 0.5 percent.

Source: (3), (8).

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numbers and proportions on these changes in racial composition. Negro and other races decreased 85 percent among migratory workers and 35 percent among nonmigratory workers; white migratory farm wageworkers declined by 57 percent, while white nonmigrants remained about the same.

In 1971, the largest proportion--47 percent, or 1,191,000--of the total 2,550,000 hired farm working force performed less than 25 days of farm wagework (table 4). In this group were about 48 percent of the nonmigrants and 32 percent of the migrants. The remaining 52 percent of nonmigrants (1,243,000) and 68 percent of migrants (117,000) were more fully committed to farm wagework, all of them working from 25 days to year-round.

Regardless of the number of days employed in farm wagework, the number of farm wageworkers has been declining since 1965. As noted earlier, however, because of unusual conditions, the 1972 hired farm working force showed an increase in both migrant and nonmigrant workers. The workers showing the greatest proportionate decrease (74 percent) over the 6-year period were migrants working 150 days or more annually in farm wagework. However, the workers showing the largest numerical decrease (126,000) were nonmigrants working in farm wagework 75 to 149 days annually.

The majority of farm wageworkers gain most of their annual earnings from sources other than farm wagework (table 4). Among those workers who worked less than 25 days at farm wagework during the year, migrants earned only 9 percent of their annual earnings from farm wagework and nonmigrants earned only 10 percent. However, this proportion of total annual earnings derived from farm wagework increased until migrants realized 97 percent of their annual $2,647 earnings from farm wagework and nonmigrants realized 94 percent of their annual $3,445 earnings from farm wagework when the workers were employed in farm wagework at least 150 days in 1971.

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Table 4--Number of migratory and nonmigratory farm wageworkers, by duration of farmwork and annual earnings, 1965 and 1971

Duration and earnings	Migratory			Nonmigratory		
	1965	1971	Percent change	1965	1971	Percent change
	Thou.		Pct.	Thou.		Pct.
Work less than 25 days	165	55	-67	1,098	1,136	+3
	Dollar			Dollar		
Earnings:						
Farmwork	95	104	+9	62	88	+42
Nonfarm work	1,065	1,104	+4	531	827	+56
	Thou.			Thou.		
Work 25-74 days	114	57	-50	693	591	-15
	Dollar			Dollar		
Earnings:						
Farmwork	324	577	+78	264	429	+62
Nonfarm work	337	617	+83	384	811	+111
	Thou.			Thou.		
Work 75-149 days	92	35	-62	304	178	-41
	Dollar			Dollar		
Earnings:						
Farmwork	883	1/	1/	608	1,119	+84
Nonfarm work	411	1/	1/	343	804	+134
	Thou.			Thou.		
Work 150 days or more	94	24	-74	567	474	-16
	Dollar			Dollar		
Earnings:						
Farm	2,561	1/	1/	2,153	3,219	+50
Nonfarm work	86	1/	1/	90	226	+151

1/ Averages not shown where base is less than 50,000 persons.

Source: (3), (8).

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MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME OF FARM WAGEWORKER HOUSEHOLDS AND COMPARISONS WITH MEDIAN FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS, 1971

In 1971, the median family income of all farm wageworker households was $5,712. The median family income for all households in the United States was $10,285, or almost double (1.8 times) that of the farm wageworker household (table 5) (2). The median family income means that approximately one-half of all farm wageworker households had a family income below this amount, and one-half had a family income greater than this amount.

Table 5--Median annual family income of farm wageworker households and all households, 1971

Kind of household	Median annual family income	Percentage 1/
	Dollars	Percent
All households	10,285	100
Farm wageworker households	5,712	56
Regular	4,136	40
Year-round	5,105	50
Seasonal	6,050	59
Migratory	6,096	59

1/ Farm wageworker household median family income, by kind, as a percent of median family income for all households.

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971, (2).

Further analysis indicates that median family income varies by type of household. For example, the median family income of households containing members performing less than 150 days of farm wagework (seasonal farmworkers) was $6,050, or 59 percent of the Nation's median family income; households containing members who performed 150 to 249 days of farm wagework (regular farmworkers) received a median family income of $4,136, or 40 percent of the national amount; households containing members who performed 250 or more days of farm wagework (year-round workers) earned a median family income of $5,105, or 50 percent of that of all households; and households containing a migratory farm wageworker had a median family income of $6,096, or 59 percent of the national amount.

On a numerical rather than a proportional basis, this means that approximately 1,006,000 of the total 2,012,000 farm wageworker households in the Nation had a family income less than $5,712, and the remaining half had family incomes of that amount or more. About half, 819,500, of all seasonal farmworker households (those with members performing less than 150 days of

farm wagework) had family incomes of less than $6,050, while incomes of the remainder were at this level or exceeded it. There were 101,000 households with members performing 150 to 249 days of farm wagework with family incomes of less than $4,136; 129,500 households containing members performing 250 or more days of farm wagework that received a family income of less than $5,105; and 70,500 households containing a migratory farm wageworker that earned a family income of less than $6,096.

ALL FARM WAGEWORKER HOUSEHOLDS

In 1971, the 2,012,000 farm wageworker households in the Nation contained 9,108,000 members, for an average of 4.5 members per household (table 6). Of these household members, 2,012,000 (22 percent) were household heads; 1,583,000 (17 percent) were wives; 4,311,000 (48 percent) were other members under 18; and 1,200,000 (13 percent) were other members 18 years and over. Household heads accounted for the greatest number of farm wageworkers in the farm wagework force--958,000 (37 percent). The group under 18 years was second to the household heads in membership in the farm wagework force, totalling 838,000 (33 percent of all hired farmworkers). Household members 18 and over numbered 526,000 (21 percent). The smallest group, and making up the remainder, was the 228,000 wives (9 percent). This information, as well as numbers of family groups engaging in hired farmwork by type of worker and family income, is shown in table 6.

The distribution of farm wageworker households by family income (table 6) shows not only the importance of farm employment to the household but also the relative well-being of the household. As the table shows, 740,000 households, or 37 percent of all farm wageworker households, have family incomes of $7,500 and over. The remaining 63 percent of the households received less than $7,500; these households are approximately uniformly distributed among the remaining seven selected income brackets ranging from under $1,000 up to $7,499.

The distribution of family members among family income intervals shows that 3,689,000 (40 percent) were in households receiving $7,500 and over. The remaining 5,419,000 family members (60 percent) were in households receiving less than $7,500.

The numbers of farm wageworkers follow a distribution among the income brackets that is almost identical to that of numbers of household members. Households in the over $7,500 income level contained 890,000 farm wageworkers, or 35 percent of the total, and the remaining 1,660,000, or 65 percent, were about evenly distributed at around 10 percent in each of the income intervals below $7,500. The number of farmworkers averaged one to two per household in each of the income intervals. Households in which the head was a farm wageworker were more likely to be among the lower income brackets than were households headed by a nonfarm worker. This is clearly indicated in table 6 by the relation between number of households by income intervals and the number or proportion of these households headed by a farm wageworker. For example, 76 percent of the households in the less than $1,000 interval were headed by a farm wageworker, whereas only 24 percent of the household heads in the $7,500 and over interval were engaged in farm wagework.

Table 6--Farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
All:					
Households	2,012				
Household members	9,108	2,012	1,583	4,311	1,200
Farm wageworkers	2,550	958	228	838	526
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	285	208	9	21	47
150 to 249 days	213	158	6	11	37
Less than 150 days	2,052	592	212	805	442
Migratory	172	59	9	47	57
Less than $1,000:					
Households	111				
Household members	347	111	46	139	51
Farm wageworkers	144	84	13	26	21
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	2	2	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	10	10	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	132	72	13	26	21
Migratory	9	3	--	--	6
$1,000-$1,999:					
Households	189				
Household members	693	189	102	301	101
Farm wageworkers	253	141	30	41	41
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	20	17	1	--	2
150 to 249 days	25	21	--	--	4
Less than 150 days	208	103	28	41	36
Migratory	8	4	2	--	2
$2,000-$2,999:					
Households	172				
Household members	691	172	114	299	106
Farm wageworkers	237	116	22	40	59
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	27	23	1	--	3
150 to 249 days	40	24	--	4	12
Less than 150 days	170	69	21	36	44
Migratory	10	3	--	1	6

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Table 6--Farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971 --Continued

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
$3,000-$3,999:					
Households	225				
Household members	971	225	164	480	102
Farm wageworkers	301	150	28	69	55
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	51	45	1	2	3
150 to 249 days	33	29	1	--	3
Less than 150 days	217	76	25	67	49
Migratory	22	11	--	9	3
$4,000-$4,999:					
Households	192				
Household members	893	192	166	423	112
Farm wageworkers	249	117	25	59	48
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	42	32	1	1	7
150 to 249 days	22	20	1	--	1
Less than 150 days	185	65	22	58	39
Migratory	14	10	--	1	4
$5,000-$5,999:					
Households	166				
Household members	823	166	134	433	90
Farm wageworkers	220	84	30	64	42
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	23	20	--	1	1
150 to 249 days	23	19	--	1	3
Less than 150 days	175	45	30	62	38
Migratory	19	7	1	7	4
$6,000-$7,499:					
Households	217				
Household members	1,001	217	178	478	128
Farm wageworkers	255	91	23	95	47
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	42	32	--	3	7
150 to 249 days	21	15	1	1	3
Less than 150 days	193	44	21	91	37
Migratory	12	6	3	1	2

1/ Number not shown where less than 500 persons.

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Table 6--Farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971 --Continued

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands				
$7,500 and over:					
Households	740				
Household members	3,689	740	679	1,759	510
Farm wageworkers	890	176	58	443	213
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	78	37	4	13	24
150 to 249 days	40	21	2	5	12
Less than 150 days	772	118	52	425	177
Migratory	76	16	3	28	29

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971.

Not unlike the trend found for household heads, the likelihood of wives performing farm wagework also decreased as family income increased; their participation rates shifted from 28 percent in the under $1,000 interval to only 9 percent in the $7,500 and over bracket. Among members under 18 years old, however, a reversal occurred in this trend. This group of family members, while not varying as significantly as the heads or wives did as family income changed, had an increasing likelihood of performing farm wagework as family income rose. The increase was from 18 percent for households in the less than $1,000 bracket to 25 percent for households in the $7,500 and over family income bracket. Participation rates for the remaining group of household members (those members who were not the head or wife but were 18 years and older) did not change significantly as family income of the household increased.

Household size and amount of family income are two of the more important criteria in determining a family's need for assistance. To show this relationship, family income and size of farm wageworker households are cross classified in table 7. This classification shows that 29 percent (580,000) of the farm wageworker households contained 6 or more members, and that 4,363,000 (48 percent) of all household members and 888,000 (35 percent) of all farm wageworkers were in households with 6 or more members. Moreover, these households with six or more members have a greater proportion of the households with children under 18 years old than any of the other size households.

Among the 740,000 (37 percent) farm wageworker households with family incomes of $7,500 or more--the largest proportion of households in any of the family income brackets--269,000 (slightly over one-third) contained 6 or more members. This group of households also contained 1,916,000 (52 percent) of the membership and 358,000 (40 percent) of the farm wageworkers in the $7,500 or greater family income bracket.

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Table 7--Farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
		Thousands 1/										
All:												
Households	2,012	108	316	27	339	227	343	300	325	314	580	577
Household members	9,108	108	630	58	1,019	683	1,371	1,201	1,616	1,555	4,363	4,335
Farm wageworkers	2,550	108	339	43	370	247	416	361	429	409	888	884
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	285	11	65	6	35	19	44	42	43	40	87	87
150 to 249 days	213	22	34	--	36	20	29	25	41	41	50	50
Less than 150 days	2,052	74	239	37	299	208	344	294	345	328	750	747
Migratory	172	11	12	--	17	9	33	25	27	26	68	68
Less than $1,000:												
Households	111	32	18	5	24	16	16	13	6	6	15	15
Household members	347	32	36	11	74	49	64	51	31	31	109	109
Farm wageworkers	144	32	22	8	30	19	15	12	7	7	37	37
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	10	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	3	3
Less than 150 days	132	28	20	8	30	19	15	12	5	5	33	33
Migratory	9	2	--	--	4	--	1	--	1	1	--	--
$1,000-$1,999:												
Households	189	30	56	6	27	23	20	15	21	21	35	35
Household members	693	30	114	12	82	70	79	62	99	99	289	280
Farm wageworkers	253	30	64	8	37	30	26	19	33	33	63	62
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	20	1	11	--	--	--	4	4	--	--	4	4
150 to 249 days	25	4	4	--	2	2	7	5	1	1	6	6
Less than 150 days	208	24	49	8	35	28	15	10	32	32	53	52
Migratory	8	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	5

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Table 7--Farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971 --Con.

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
		Thousands 1/										
$2,000-$2,999:												
Households	172	11	48	2	29	18	21	20	22	19	41	41
Household members	691	11	92	6	86	55	83	78	109	94	310	310
Farm wageworkers	237	11	51	5	39	23	39	39	27	24	70	70
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	27	2	9	2	4	1	4	4	3	3	5	5
150 to 249 days	40	4	6	--	7	3	4	4	6	6	13	13
Less than 150 days	170	5	35	3	28	19	31	31	18	15	52	52
Migratory	10	--	1	--	1	1	--	--	1	1	7	7
$3,000-$3,999:												
Households	225	17	51	5	42	28	33	30	27	26	55	55
Household members	971	17	100	11	124	84	132	121	135	128	463	463
Farm wageworkers	301	17	53	7	46	31	35	33	40	39	110	110
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	51	1	16	2	8	5	5	5	--	--	21	21
150 to 249 days	33	7	3	--	7	4	1	1	4	4	10	10
Less than 150 days	217	8	34	5	31	22	29	27	36	35	79	79
Migratory	22	3	2	--	4	2	4	4	--	--	9	9
$4,000-$4,999:												
Households	192	6	35	1	35	25	20	19	38	35	57	57
Household members	893	6	73	2	106	75	81	75	186	170	441	441
Farm wageworkers	249	6	35	2	34	24	28	26	53	44	92	92
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	42	2	7	1	6	6	10	8	6	6	10	10
150 to 249 days	22	2	7	--	1	1	1	1	5	5	6	6
Less than 150 days	185	1	21	1	27	17	17	17	42	33	76	76
Migratory	14	--	2	--	4	4	--	--	4	4	4	4

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Table 7--Farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971 --Con.

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
		Thousands 1/										
$5,000-$5,999:												
Households	166	3	21	1	28	20	22	21	45	45	47	47
Household members	823	3	42	4	83	60	90	84	223	223	382	382
Farm wageworkers	220	3	23	2	30	22	33	27	54	54	77	77
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	23	--	5	--	4	1	3	3	9	9	1	1
150 to 249 days	23	--	4	--	3	1	6	6	9	9	1	1
Less than 150 days	175	3	14	2	23	20	24	18	36	36	75	75
Migratory	19	--	--	--	1	1	8	3	5	5	5	5
$6,000-$7,499:												
Households	217	7	30	3	34	22	48	42	37	37	61	61
Household members	1,001	7	60	6	103	65	192	167	186	186	453	453
Farm wageworkers	258	7	32	4	36	21	54	44	48	48	81	81
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	42	4	5	--	4	1	4	4	7	7	18	18
150 to 249 days	22	--	9	--	1	--	4	3	5	5	3	3
Less than 150 days	193	3	18	4	31	20	46	37	36	36	60	60
Migratory	12	--	2	--	--	--	2	2	6	6	1	1
$7,500 and over:												
Households	740	2	57	4	120	75	162	140	129	125	269	266
Household members	3,689	2	113	6	361	225	650	562	647	624	1,916	1,897
Farm wageworkers	890	2	58	7	118	77	186	161	167	160	358	355
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	78	--	9	1	9	5	14	14	18	15	28	28
150 to 249 days	40	--	1	--	15	9	6	5	9	9	8	8
Less than 150 days	772	2	48	6	94	63	166	142	140	136	322	320
Migratory	76	2	5	--	3	1	18	16	10	9	37	37

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971.

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Conversely, there is no clear pattern of change in family income with change in family size in income brackets below $7,500. These lower income households contain the majority of all farmworker households--1,272,000, or about 63 percent of the total--and show considerable diversity among the various income intervals and household sizes.

REGULAR FARM WAGEWORKER-HOUSEHOLDS

Even though farm wage employment has been decreasing, there continues to be a significant number of persons who work on farms for wages a major portion of the year, 150 days or more. In 1971, there were about one-half million (498,000) such persons. Within this group, there was an even distribution between the number of persons performing 150 to 249 days of farm wagework and the number of persons performing farm wagework for 250 days or more. To permit examination of the households in which these workers reside, they were separated into two different groups: (1) households with members performing 150 to 249 days of farm wagework during the year and (2) households with members performing 250 or more days of farm wagework during the year.

Both of these groups of farm wageworker households, especially households where the head is the regular farm wageworker, are highly dependent upon farm employment as a major source of family income.

Households With Farmworkers Employed 150 to 249 Days

In 1971, 202,000 households had at least 1 member who performed 150 to 249 days of farm wagework during the year (table 8). These households contained a total of 849,000 members, an average of 4.2 members per household. About 213,000, or 25 percent, of these members performed 150 to 249 days of farm wagework during the year. As indicated earlier, it is possible for these households to also contain members who are engaged in farm wagework for other lengths of time during the year. In the 202,000 households, there were an additional 92,000 members who were employed in farmwork for a period other than 150 to 249 days, and most of them were seasonal (less than 150 days). Thus, a total of 305,000 members, or 36 percent of all the members in the households containing workers employed 150 to 249 days per year, were engaged in farmwork during the year. About 15,000 of the 305,000 did some migratory farmwork.

By household status, the 849,000 members in the households with at least 1 member performing 150 to 249 days farm wagework were distributed as follows: 202,000 (24 percent) were household heads; 156,000 (18 percent) were wives; 393,000 (46 percent) were other household members, under 18 years old; and 98,000 (11 percent) were other household members, 18 and older.

The number of household members performing farm wagework was as follows: 173,000 household heads (86 percent of all household heads); 32,000 wives (21 percent of all wives); about 43,000 members under 18 years of age (11 percent); and 57,000 members 18 or older (58 percent).

As can be seen, household heads and members 18 years of age or older had a greater commitment to farm wagework than did the wives and younger members in these households. Moreover, a majority of the household heads and family

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Table 8--Households in selected income groups with members working 150 to 249 days at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
All:					
Households	202				
Household members	849	202	156	393	98
Farm wageworkers	305	173	32	43	57
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	9	8	--	1	--
150 to 249 days	213	157	6	11	38
Less than 150 days	83	8	25	31	19
Migratory	15	14	--	--	1
Less than $1,000:					
Households	10				
Household members	38	10	5	20	3
Farm wageworkers	22	10	4	5	3
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	11	10	1	--	--
Less than 150 days	11	--	3	5	3
Migratory	2	2	--	--	--
$1,000-$1,999:					
Households	25				
Household members	94	25	12	48	9
Farm wageworkers	28	21	2	--	5
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	25	21	--	--	4
Less than 150 days	3	--	2	--	1
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--
$2,000-$2,999:					
Households	35				
Household members	156	35	18	74	29
Farm wageworkers	66	30	4	9	23
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	3	3	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	41	24	--	4	13
Less than 150 days	22	3	4	5	10
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--

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Table 8--Households in selected income groups with members working 150 to 249 days at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971 --Continued

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
$3,000-$3,999:					
Households	31				
Household members	137	31	23	79	4
Farm wageworkers	52	30	7	11	4
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	1	1	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	33	28	1	--	3
Less than 150 days	18	--	5	11	1
Migratory	5	5	--	--	--
$4,000-$4,999:					
Households	21				
Household members	88	21	18	48	1
Farm wageworkers	27	21	3	1	1
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	22	20	1	--	1
Less than 150 days	4	1	1	1	--
Migratory	1	1	--	--	--
$5,000-$5,999:					
Households	23				
Household members	92	23	23	37	9
Farm wageworkers	33	22	5	2	3
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	1	1	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	23	19	--	1	3
Less than 150 days	9	1	5	1	1
Migratory	3	3	--	--	--
$6,000-$7,499:					
Households	19				
Household members	73	19	20	23	11
Farm wageworkers	27	16	6	1	5
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	21	15	1	1	3
Less than 150 days	6	1	4	--	1
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

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Table 8--Households in selected income groups with members working 150 to 249 days at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971 --Continued

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
$7,500 and over:					
Households	38				
Household members	171	38	37	64	32
Farm wageworkers	50	23	1	13	12
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	4	2	--	1	--
150 to 249 days	37	20	1	5	11
Less than 150 days	9	--	--	7	1
Migratory	4	3	--	--	1

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971.

members over 18 years were employed in farm wagework for 150 to 249 days during the year, while the majority of the wives and other members under 18 did seasonal farm wagework--that is, less than 150 days of farmwork.

No definite trend existed with respect to numbers of households in the various family income brackets. Although the largest number of households (38,000) in any income bracket were in the $7,500 and over category, the $2,000 to $2,999 interval group contained almost as many, 35,000. Similarly, there was no clear trend in the number of household members or farm wageworkers by income intervals.

Twenty-three percent (46,000) of the 202,000 households had 6 or more members. In total, these households had 341,000 members, or 40 percent of the total membership in households with a member performing 150 to 249 days of work (table 9). Except for a fairly large number of households (10,000) and family membership (48,000) in the $5,000 to $5,999 income bracket, there was no discernible trend in the relationship of size of household and family income.

Households With Farmworkers Employed 250 or More Days

In 1971, 259,000 households (13 percent of all farm wageworker households) had 1 or more workers who performed 250 or more days of farmwork (table 10). These employees, who are generally considered as year-round workers, were in households with a total of 1,144,000 members, or 4.4 members on the average. About 332,000 (29 percent) of this membership performed some farm wagework, for an average of 1.3 working members per household.

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Table 9--Households in selected income groups with members working 150-249 days at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
	Thousands 1/											
All:												
Households	202	23	33	--	32	18	28	24	40	40	46	46
Household members	849	23	64	--	100	54	113	98	208	208	341	341
Farm wageworkers	305	23	35	--	45	24	43	36	63	63	97	97
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	9	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	5	5	1	1
150 to 249 days	213	23	34	--	36	20	29	25	41	41	50	50
Less than 150 days	83	--	1	--	6	4	14	11	16	16	46	46
Migratory	15	4	--	--	3	1	2	2	4	4	3	3
Less than $1,000:												
Households	10	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	4	4
Household members	38	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	9	24	24
Farm wageworkers	22	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	15	15
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	11	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	5	5
Less than 150 days	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	10	10
Migratory	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
$1,000-$1,999:												
Households	25	5	5	--	1	1	5	5	3	3	6	6
Household members	94	5	9	--	4	4	23	18	12	12	41	41
Farm wageworkers	28	5	4	--	2	2	9	5	1	1	7	7
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	25	5	4	--	2	2	7	5	1	1	6	6
Less than 150 days	3	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	1	1
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

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Table 9--Households in selected income groups with members working 150-249 days at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971 --Continued

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
		Thousands 1/										
$2,000-$2,999:												
Households	35	4	5	--	6	3	4	4	5	5	11	11
Household members	156	4	10	--	18	9	17	17	27	27	80	80
Farm wageworkers	66	4	7	--	10	3	10	10	12	12	23	23
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	3	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	41	4	6	--	7	3	4	4	8	8	12	12
Less than 150 days	22	--	1	--	--	--	6	6	4	4	11	11
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
$3,000-$3,999:												
Households	31	7	3	--	6	2	1	1	5	5	9	9
Household members	137	7	7	--	18	9	6	6	22	22	77	77
Farm wageworkers	52	7	4	--	11	6	2	2	6	6	22	22
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
150 to 249 days	33	7	4	--	7	4	2	2	4	4	9	9
Less than 150 days	18	--	--	--	4	2	--	--	1	1	12	12
Migratory	5	2	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
$4,000-$4,999:												
Households	21	3	6	--	1	1	1	1	4	4	6	6
Household members	88	3	13	--	4	4	5	5	20	20	43	43
Farm wageworkers	27	3	6	--	1	1	2	2	5	5	10	10
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	22	3	6	--	1	1	1	1	5	5	6	6
Less than 150 days	4	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	3	3
Migratory	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

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Table 9--Households in selected income groups with members working 150-249 days at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971 --Continued

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
	Thousands 1/											
$5,000-$5,999:												
Households	23	--	5	--	3	1	4	4	10	10	1	1
Household members	92	--	8	--	8	4	19	19	48	48	9	9
Farm wageworkers	33	--	4	--	4	3	6	6	13	13	6	6
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--
150 to 249 days	23	--	4	--	3	1	5	5	9	9	2	2
Less than 150 days	9	--	--	--	1	1	1	1	3	3	4	4
Migratory	3	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	1	1	--	--
$6,000-$7,499:												
Households	19	--	7	--	1	--	4	3	4	4	3	3
Household members	73	--	14	--	4	--	17	11	21	21	17	17
Farm wageworkers	27	--	8	--	2	--	5	3	8	8	4	4
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	21	--	8	--	1	--	4	3	5	5	3	3
Less than 150 days	6	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	3	3	1	1
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
$7,500 and over:												
Households	38	--	1	--	15	8	6	5	10	10	6	6
Household members	171	--	3	--	44	26	26	19	48	48	49	49
Farm wageworkers	50	--	1	--	15	9	8	7	16	16	10	10
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	4	--	--
150 to 249 days	37	--	1	--	15	9	6	5	8	8	7	7
Less than 150 days	9	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	4	4	3	3
Migratory	4	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	1	1	1	1

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971.

Table 10--Households in selected income groups with persons working 250 days or more at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
All:					
Households	259				
Household members	1,144	259	223	502	160
Farm wageworkers	332	210	22	33	66
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	285	208	9	20	47
150 to 249 days	9	--	2	1	5
Less than 150 days	37	2	9	12	14
Migratory	15	11	1	--	3
Less than $1,000:					
Households	2				
Household members	3	2	1	--	--
Farm wageworkers	2	2	--	--	--
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	2	2	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	--	--	--	--	--
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--
$1,000-$1,999:					
Households	20				
Household members	87	21	17	38	11
Farm wageworkers	24	19	1	1	3
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	20	17	1	--	2
150 to 249 days	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	3	1	--	1	1
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--
$2,000-$2,999:					
Households	26				
Household members	87	27	20	27	13
Farm wageworkers	35	24	3	1	7
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	27	23	1	--	3
150 to 249 days	4	--	--	--	4
Less than 150 days	3	1	1	1	--
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

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Table 10--Households in selected income groups with persons working 250 days or more at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971 --Continued

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
$3,000-$3,999:					
Households	46				
Household members	205	47	42	98	18
Farm wageworkers	58	44	5	3	6
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	52	44	2	2	4
150 to 249 days	1	--	1	--	--
Less than 150 days	5	--	2	1	2
Migratory	3	3	--	--	--
$4,000-$4,999:					
Households	34				
Household members	159	35	31	77	16
Farm wageworkers	45	32	1	3	9
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	42	32	1	2	7
150 to 249 days	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	3	--	--	1	2
Migratory	3	3	--	--	--
$5,000-$5,999:					
Households	23				
Household members	92	24	17	34	17
Farm wageworkers	25	20	2	2	1
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	22	20	--	1	1
150 to 249 days	1	--	--	1	--
Less than 150 days	2	--	2	--	--
Migratory	1	1	--	--	--
$6,000-$7,499:					
Households	39				
Household members	187	38	36	91	22
Farm wageworkers	47	32	1	4	10
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	42	32	--	3	7
150 to 249 days	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	5	--	1	1	3
Migratory	6	3	1	--	2

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

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0023

Table 10--Households in selected income groups with persons working 250 days or more at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971 --Continued

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
$7,500 and over:					
Households	67				
Household members	324	67	59	137	63
Farm wageworkers	95	37	9	19	30
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	77	38	4	12	23
150 to 249 days	2	--	1	--	1
Less than 150 days	16	--	3	7	6
Migratory	2	1	--	--	1

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971.

The membership of these households consisted of 259,000 (23 percent) household heads; 223,000 (19 percent) wives; 502,000 (44 percent) members under 18 years of age; and 160,000 (14 percent) members 18 and over.

Participation in farm wagework was greatest among the household heads--210,000, or 81 percent--and lowest among members under 18 years old--33,000, or 7 percent.

The largest group in any family income interval was those households receiving $7,500 and over (67,000, or 26 percent of the total). Below this amount, the number was largest (46,000, or 18 percent) in the $3,000 to $3,999 family income interval. The number of family members and farm wageworkers followed a similar trend.

About 67,000 (26 percent) of the households with members working 250 days or more at farm wagework contained 6 or more members. This was the largest size group for these households when classified by number of household members. These same 67,000 households accounted for 45 percent of the household members and 30 percent of the farm wageworkers in the 259,000 households with at least 1 member performing 250 or more days of farm wagework (table 11).

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Table 11--Number of households in selected income groups with members working 250 days or more at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
	Thousands 1/											
All:												
Households	259	9	62	5	35	18	43	42	42	40	67	67
Household members	1,144	9	128	10	113	61	178	171	201	193	515	515
Farm wageworkers	332	9	70	6	41	19	48	45	64	60	99	99
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	285	9	68	6	35	19	44	42	45	41	83	83
150 to 249 days	9	--	--	--	4	--	--	--	3	3	1	1
Less than 150 days	37	--	2	--	1	--	3	3	16	16	15	15
Migratory	15	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	9	9	4	4
Less than $1,000:												
Households	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Household members	3	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Farm wageworkers	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
$1,000-$1,999:												
Households	20	1	9	--	--	--	5	5	--	--	5	5
Household members	87	1	19	--	--	--	24	24	--	--	43	43
Farm wageworkers	24	1	11	--	--	--	4	4	--	--	7	7
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	20	1	11	--	--	--	4	4	--	--	4	4
150 to 249 days	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	3
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

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Table 11--Number of households in selected income groups with members working 250 days or more at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971 --Continued

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
		Thousands 1/										
$2,000-$2,999:												
Households	26	2	9	2	4	--	4	4	4	4	3	3
Household members	87	2	19	4	12	--	17	17	16	16	21	21
Farm wageworkers	35	2	10	2	8	--	6	6	4	4	4	4
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	27	2	10	2	4	--	4	4	3	3	4	4
150 to 249 days	4	--	--	--	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	3	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	1	1	--	--
Migratory	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
$3,000-$3,999:												
Households	46	1	14	1	8	5	6	6	--	--	16	16
Household members	205	1	30	2	26	17	23	23	--	--	125	125
Farm wageworkers	58	1	19	2	8	5	5	5	--	--	24	24
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	52	1	17	2	8	5	5	5	--	--	20	20
150 to 249 days	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
Less than 150 days	5	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	3
Migratory	3	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
$4,000-$4,999:												
Households	34	2	9	1	6	6	6	5	5	5	6	6
Household members	159	2	17	2	20	20	27	20	26	26	67	67
Farm wageworkers	45	2	7	1	6	6	10	8	7	7	13	13
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	42	2	7	1	6	6	10	8	6	6	11	11
150 to 249 days	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	2	2
Migratory	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	3	--	--

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

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Table 11--Number of households in selected income groups with members working 250 days or more at farm wagework: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971 --Continued

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
	Thousands 1/											
$5,000-$5,999:												
Households	23	--	5	--	4	1	3	3	9	9	1	1
Household members	92	--	11	--	13	5	11	11	46	46	11	11
Farm wageworkers	25	--	5	--	4	1	3	3	12	12	1	1
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	22	--	5	--	4	1	3	3	9	9	1	1
150 to 249 days	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--
Less than 150 days	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	--	--
Migratory	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--
$6,000-$7,499:												
Households	39	3	5	--	4	1	5	5	8	8	14	14
Household members	187	3	11	--	13	4	18	18	37	37	105	105
Farm wageworkers	47	3	5	--	5	1	4	4	10	10	19	19
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	42	3	5	--	4	1	4	4	7	7	19	19
150 to 249 days	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	5	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	3	3	--	--
Migratory	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	5	--	--
$7,500 and over:												
Households	67	--	9	1	9	5	14	14	15	14	20	20
Household members	324	--	19	2	29	15	58	58	76	68	142	142
Farm wageworkers	95	--	11	1	9	5	15	15	30	26	30	30
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	77	--	10	1	9	5	14	14	20	16	24	24
150 to 249 days	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	--	--
Less than 150 days	16	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	8	8	6	6
Migratory	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971.

SEASONAL FARM WAGEWORKER HOUSEHOLDS

Each year the production and harvesting of agricultural commodities offers temporary or seasonal employment to many persons. However, the duration of this farm wagework varies significantly by crop and geographic area.

In 1971, there were 2,052,000 seasonal workers employed on farms (table 12). These workers came from 1,639,000 households, averaging 1.3 workers per household. Their households contained 7,609,000 members, or 4.6 members per household. Thus, 28 percent of the members in these households were seasonally employed in farmwork at some time during the year.

These households also contained 97,000 members who worked 150 or more days at farm wagework, and 149,000 members who did migratory farmwork. Moreover, the 149,000 migratory workers in these seasonal farmworker households represented 87 percent of all migratory farmworkers in 1971.

Consequently, even though seasonal farmworkers are employed at farmwork for a shorter duration of time and the seasonal farm wageworker households contribute a smaller number of farmworkers per household than do regular or year-round farmworker households, these households provide a significant number of regular workers and a large proportion of the migratory farm work force. Thus, as a group, they contribute significantly to farm production by reason of the large number of persons they provide for farmwork each year. Significantly, 60 percent (1,289,000) of the workers in 1971 were household members other than the head or wife. About 817,000 of them were school-age youth (under 18 years).

Membership in seasonal farm wagework households was distributed as follows: 48 percent under 18 years, 22 percent household heads, 17 percent wives, and 14 percent persons 18 years and over who were neither the head nor the wife.

The distribution of household members who performed seasonal farm wagework follows the same basic pattern as the total membership distribution in so far as household heads and members under 18 are concerned. These two member groups accounted for the two largest family contributions to such work. However, the sequence changes when it comes to other members 18 years and over and wives, with members 18 years and over making the third largest contribution to the work force and wives the least. Persons from this group performing migratory work were predominately family members other than the household heads or wives.

A large proportion of the household members in this group, especially the household heads, did not perform farm wagework in 1971 and some were known to be employed at nonfarm work. These facts suggest that some families may be dependent on nonfarm work as a major source of family income.

As with the groups discussed earlier, the greatest proportion of these seasonal farmworker households--40 percent--was concentrated in the $7,500 and over family income bracket. Households in this income group had 44 percent of all seasonal household members and 37 percent of all seasonal farm wageworkers. Among the household members within this income level, 54 percent of the farm

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Table 12--Seasonal farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
All:					
Households	1,639				
Household members	7,609	1,639	1,277	3,658	1,035
Farm wageworkers	2,149	646	214	817	472
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	41	25	--	6	10
150 to 249 days	56	29	1	6	19
Less than 150 days	2,052	592	212	805	442
Migratory	149	39	9	47	54
Less than $1,000:					
Households	103				
Household members	327	103	43	131	50
Farm wageworkers	134	74	13	26	21
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	2	2	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	132	72	13	26	21
Migratory	7	1	--	--	6
$1,000-$1,999:					
Households	149				
Household members	544	149	79	229	87
Farm wageworkers	212	105	28	41	38
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	2	1	--	--	1
150 to 249 days	2	1	--	--	1
Less than 150 days	208	103	28	41	36
Migratory	8	4	2	--	2
$2,000 $2,999:					
Households	131				
Household members	550	131	86	243	90
Farm wageworkers	189	78	21	39	52
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	5	3	--	--	2
150 to 249 days	14	5	--	3	6
Less than 150 days	170	69	21	36	44
Migratory	10	3	--	1	6

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

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Table 12--Seasonal farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971 --Continued

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
$3,000-$3,999:					
Households	161				
Household members	716	161	112	359	84
Farm wageworkers	231	88	26	67	50
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	3	3	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	10	9	--	--	1
Less than 150 days	218	76	26	67	49
Migratory	16	4	--	9	3
$4,000-$4,999:					
Households	144				
Household members	692	144	123	325	100
Farm wageworkers	196	72	22	59	43
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	9	4	--	1	4
150 to 249 days	3	3	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	184	65	22	58	39
Migratory	11	5	1	1	4
$5,000-$5,999:					
Households	131				
Household members	694	131	104	388	71
Farm wageworkers	187	52	31	63	41
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	3	3	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	9	4	1	1	3
Less than 150 days	175	45	30	62	38
Migratory	17	5	1	7	4
$6,000-$7,499:					
Households	167				
Household members	779	167	131	375	106
Farm wageworkers	203	51	21	91	40
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	3	3	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	7	4	--	--	3
Less than 150 days	193	44	21	91	37
Migratory	10	4	3	1	1

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

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Table 12--Seasonal farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971 --Continued

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
$7,500 and over:					
Households	653				
Household members	3,307	653	599	1,609	447
Farm wageworkers	795	126	51	432	186
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	16	8	--	4	4
150 to 249 days	8	--	--	3	5
Less than 150 days	771	118	51	425	177
Migratory	70	12	3	28	28

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971.

wageworkers were under 18 years, 23 percent were 18 and over, and only 16 percent were household heads.

Among all seasonal farm wageworker households, those with 6 or more members accounted for the largest proportion of households--31 percent (506,000). This same group had half (3,762,000) of the household members and 37 percent (788,000) of the farm wageworkers (table 13). Nearly all of these households (503,000 out of 506,000) contained dependent children, and this high proportion was characteristic of all income brackets.

Among the 149,000 migratory farm wageworker residing in seasonal farm wagework households, 44 percent, or 65,000, were in households containing 6 or more members, but this number represented only 8 percent of all farm wageworkers who lived in this size seasonal farm wageworker household. Thus, while a large proportion of all migratory farm wageworkers were from households also classified as seasonal, they were not a significant proportion of the large membership (7,609,000) of seasonal farm wageworker households.

The distribution by family income and size of household indicates that among all classifications, the family receiving $7,500 or more in family income, with six or more household members, was the most typical seasonal farm wageworker household. There were 249,000 such households containing 1,773,000 family members, and 334,000 farm wageworkers in 1971. These households also contained the greatest number of seasonal farm wageworkers, 334,000, and of migrants, 34,000, residing in seasonal farm wageworker households. Numbers of seasonal farmworker households, household membership, and farmworkers by the other family income brackets are shown in table 13.

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Table 13--Seasonal farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
		Thousands 1/										
All:												
Households	1,639	76	226	25	279	188	285	245	267	257	506	503
Household members	7,609	76	458	79	841	591	1,138	983	1,334	1,285	3,762	3,734
Farm wageworkers	2,147	76	244	37	308	213	360	306	372	355	788	784
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	41	--	3	--	1	--	3	3	11	11	20	20
150 to 249 days	56	--	1	--	7	5	11	8	16	16	20	20
Less than 150 days	2,052	76	239	37	300	208	345	295	345	328	749	746
Migratory	149	7	10	--	15	8	30	21	21	19	65	65
Less than $1,000:												
Households	103	29	16	6	24	17	16	14	5	5	14	14
Household members	327	29	32	13	73	51	63	52	22	22	108	108
Farm wageworkers	134	29	20	8	31	19	15	12	5	5	34	34
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2
Less than 150 days	132	29	20	8	31	19	15	12	5	5	31	31
Migratory	7	--	--	--	5	--	1	--	1	1	--	--
$1,000-$1,999:												
Households	149	25	43	10	25	21	11	7	17	17	28	27
Household members	544	25	89	22	77	65	40	25	85	85	228	220
Farm wageworkers	212	25	49	8	35	28	16	10	32	32	55	54
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
150 to 249 days	2	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	1
Less than 150 days	208	23	49	8	35	28	15	10	32	32	53	52
Migratory	8	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	5

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Table 13--Seasonal farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971 --Continued

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
	Thousands 1/											
$2,000-$2,999:												
Households	131	6	35	5	23	16	18	17	16	13	33	33
Household members	550	6	69	10	68	48	69	64	80	68	258	258
Farm wageworkers	189	6	36	3	28	19	37	36	22	19	60	60
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	5	1	--	--	--	--	2	2	--	--	2	2
150 to 249 days	14	--	1	--	--	--	3	3	4	4	7	7
Less than 150 days	170	5	35	3	28	19	32	31	18	15	51	51
Migratory	10	--	1	--	1	1	--	--	1	1	7	7
$3,000-$3,999:												
Households	161	8	35	7	31	23	25	22	24	23	38	38
Household members	716	8	70	14	93	68	102	91	120	114	323	323
Farm wageworkers	231	8	36	5	35	25	29	27	38	37	85	85
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	3	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
150 to 249 days	10	--	--	--	4	3	--	--	2	2	4	4
Less than 150 days	218	8	34	5	31	22	29	27	36	35	81	81
Migratory	16	1	--	--	2	2	4	4	--	--	8	8
$4,000-$4,999:												
Households	144	2	23	2	28	19	14	14	30	28	48	48
Household members	692	2	45	4	83	55	57	57	149	131	356	356
Farm wageworkers	196	2	21	1	27	17	19	19	45	36	82	82
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	9	--	---	--	--	--	--	--	3	3	6	6
150 to 249 days	3	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	1	1
Less than 150 days	184	2	21	1	27	17	18	18	42	33	75	75
Migratory	11	--	2	--	4	4	--	--	1	1	4	4

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Table 13--Seasonal farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971 --Continued

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
	Thousands 1/											
$5,000-$5,999:												
Households	131	2	11	1	22	18	17	15	32	32	47	47
Household members	694	2	21	4	66	57	66	59	161	161	378	378
Farm wageworkers	187	2	14	2	24	21	26	18	43	43	77	77
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	3	--	--
150 to 249 days	9	--	--	--	1	1	1	1	4	4	2	2
Less than 150 days	175	2	14	2	23	20	24	18	36	36	76	76
Migratory	17	--	--	--	1	1	7	1	4	4	4	4
$6,000-$7,499:												
Households	167	3	17	4	30	19	39	32	29	29	49	49
Household members	779	3	37	6	95	62	157	132	149	149	338	338
Farm wageworkers	203	3	18	4	33	20	47	37	40	40	61	61
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	3	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--
150 to 249 days	7	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	3	3	1	1
Less than 150 days	193	3	18	4	31	20	46	37	36	36	60	60
Migratory	10	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	5	5	3	3
$7,500 and over:												
Households	653	2	47	4	96	62	145	125	114	112	249	247
Household members	3,307	2	94	6	285	185	584	503	568	555	1,773	1,755
Farm wageworkers	795	2	49	6	94	63	170	146	147	143	334	331
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	16	--	1	--	--	--	1	1	4	4	10	10
150 to 249 days	8	--	--	--	--	--	3	3	3	3	2	2
Less than 150 days	771	2	48	6	94	63	166	142	140	136	322	320
Migratory	70	2	5	--	1	--	18	16	9	7	34	34

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971.

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MIGRATORY FARM WAGEWORKER HOUSEHOLDS

Many of the Nation's farmworkers leave their homes each year to perform farmwork for one or more employers. Such employment requires that the migrant and his family live in temporary housing, usually provided by the employer, as they move with the season. The problems associated with this changing of jobs and geographic work locations, the temporary and often inadequate housing, and the seasonally induced work periods are harsh and well known (6).

Approximately 196,000 persons did migratory farm wagework in 1970, 5/ and 62,000, or 32 percent, of them were heads of households (table 14) (7).

Table 14--Number of migratory farm wageworkers who were head of a household, by amount of farm wagework performed in a migratory status, 1970

Amount of farm wagework performed that is migratory	Number of household heads		Persons 14 years old and over in the household	
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
	--Thou.-	----Pct.----	---Thou.----	----Pct.----
Less than half	20	32	51	33
About half	4	6	14	9
More than half	38	62	91	58
Total	62	100	156	100

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1970.

In the households headed by migratory wageworkers, there were 156,000 persons 14 years old or over, an average of 2.5 household members in this age group per household. Table 14 also shows that for approximately 60 percent of these households and household members, the heads performed more than half of their farm wagework in a migratory status. Table 15 shows the number of these household heads by the longest distance traveled to perform migratory farm wagework. Approximately 37,000 (60 percent) of the household heads traveled 200 miles or more. There were 103,000 household members over 14 years of age in households where the head traveled this far to perform migratory farm wagework.

In 1971, a special effort was made to obtain data on the number of dependents and other household members in migratory households. During that year, there were 141,000 households with at least one member performing farm wagework away from the home (table 16). These households contained a total of

5/ Because of the limited space available for special questions on the annual Hired Farm Working Force Survey, some information concerning migrant farm workers was asked only in 1970. The 1970 information is presented in tables 14 and 15.

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Table 15--Longest distance traveled to perform migratory farm wagework by migratory wageworkers who were household heads, 1970

Distance traveled	Number of household heads		Persons 14 years old and over in the household	
	Number	Percentage of total	Number	Percentage of total
	--Thou.--	----Pct.----	---Thou.----	----Pct.----
Less than 75 miles	16	26	32	21
75-199 miles	9	15	21	13
200-399 miles	12	19	30	19
400-999 miles	10	16	25	16
1,000 or more miles	15	24	48	31
Total	62	100	156	100

Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1970.

680,000 members, of which 195,000, or 29 percent, performed farm wagework. Thus, these households averaged 4.8 members and 1.4 farm wageworkers per household.

However, not all of the farm wageworkers in these households were in a migratory status while performing farmwork. In 1971, 23,000, or 12 percent, of the farm wageworkers in these households performed nonmigratory wagework. Moreover, among all the farm wageworkers in these households, 30,000, or 15 percent, performed their farm wagework on a regular basis (150 or more days during the year). This compares with 165,000, or 85 percent, of the farm wageworkers in these households who performed farmwork on a seasonal basis only.

Some of the migratory farm wageworker households are large and receive relatively small family incomes. In 1971, 38 percent, or 53,000, of the 141,000 households with migratory farm wageworkers contained 6 or more members (table 17). Families of this size accounted for 56 percent (378,000) of the members in migratory farm wageworker households; 45 percent (87,000) of the farm wageworkers, and 41 percent (71,000) of all migratory farm wageworkers. The number of households of other sizes was much smaller, ranging from 12,000, or 9 percent, for 1-member households up to 27,000, or 19 percent, for 4-member households. Despite the large household size, however, only 64,000, or 45 percent, of the migratory farmworker households had family incomes of $7,500 and over; the majority of households earned less than $7,500.

The migratory farm wageworker households had predominately fewer household members in the smaller family income classifications, but as family income increased, the size of the household tended to increase. Households with 6 or more persons and a family income of $7,500 or more accounted for 33,000, or 23

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Table 16--Migratory farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
All:					
Households	141				
Household members	680	141	102	318	115
Farm wageworkers	195	62	14	54	66
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	15	11	--	3	1
150 to 249 days	15	11	1	--	3
Less than 150 days	165	40	13	51	62
Migratory	172	59	9	47	57
Under $2,000:					
Households	13				
Household members	54	13	3	15	22
Farm wageworkers	18	7	2	--	9
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	2	2	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	16	5	2	--	9
Migratory	17	7	2	--	8
$2,000-$2,999:					
Households	9				
Household members	44	8	5	22	9
Farm wageworkers	13	3	--	2	7
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	13	3	--	2	7
Migratory	10	3	--	1	6
$3,000-$4,999:					
Households	30				
Household members	127	30	16	65	13
Farm wageworkers	40	21	1	10	7
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	6	6	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	6	4	1	--	--
Less than 150 days	28	11	--	10	7
Migratory	38	21	--	10	7

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Table 16--Migratory farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by relationship to household head, 1971 --Continued

Family income and type of worker	Total	Relationship to household head			
		Head	Wife	Other	
				Under 18 years	18 years and over
	Thousands 1/				
$5,000-$7,499:					
Households	26				
Household members	128	26	24	68	11
Farm wageworkers	36	14	6	8	8
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	5	4	--	--	1
150 to 249 days	3	2	--	--	1
Less than 150 days	27	8	6	8	5
Migratory	31	13	4	8	6
$7,500 and over:					
Households	64				
Household members	327	64	54	148	60
Farm wageworkers	87	17	4	33	33
Duration of farm wagework:					
250 days or more	4	1	--	3	--
150 to 249 days	4	3	--	--	1
Less than 150 days	80	13	4	30	32
Migratory	76	16	3	28	29

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Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971.

percent, of the migratory farm wageworker households; 32 percent, or 217,000, of the members in these households; and 25 percent, or 48,000, of the farm wageworkers in these households.

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Table 17--Migratory farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
	Thousands 1/											
All:												
Households	141	12	14	--	15	10	27	21	21	20	53	53
Household members	680	12	27	--	46	30	104	87	113	103	378	378
Farm wageworkers	194	12	12	--	18	11	34	24	32	29	87	87
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	15	--	2	--	--	--	1	1	7	7	5	5
150 to 249 days	15	4	--	--	3	1	2	2	4	4	3	3
Less than 150 days	163	7	10	--	15	10	31	21	21	18	80	80
Migratory	172	11	12	--	17	9	33	25	27	26	71	71
Under $2,000:												
Households	13	7	--	--	1	--	2	--	1	1	3	3
Household members	54	7	--	--	4	--	7	--	7	7	30	30
Farm wageworkers	18	7	--	--	4	--	1	--	1	1	5	5
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	16	4	--	--	4	--	1	--	1	1	5	5
Migratory	17	5	--	--	4	--	1	--	1	1	5	5
$2,000-$2,999:												
Households	9	--	2	--	2	1	--	--	2	2	3	3
Household members	44	--	3	--	5	3	--	--	9	9	27	27
Farm wageworkers	13	--	1	--	3	3	--	--	1	1	9	9
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
150 to 249 days	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Less than 150 days	13	--	1	--	3	3	--	--	1	1	7	7
Migratory	10	--	1	--	1	1	--	--	1	1	6	6

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

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Table 17--Migratory farm wageworker households in selected income groups: Number of members and workers by size of household, 1971 --Continued

Family income and kind of worker	Total	Size of household											
		1	2		3		4		5		6+	
		Total	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children	Total	Number with dependent children
		Thousands 1/										
$3,000-$4,999:												
Households	30	3	4	--	8	6	4	4	5	5	6	6
Household members	127	3	9	--	23	18	17	17	24	24	51	51
Farm wageworkers	40	3	4	--	8	6	4	4	5	5	16	16
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	6	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	3	3	1	1
150 to 249 days	6	2	--	--	2	--	--	--	1	1	1	1
Less than 150 days	28	1	2	--	6	6	4	4	1	1	14	14
Migratory	38	3	4	--	8	6	4	4	4	4	15	15
$5,000-$7,499:												
Households	26	--	2	--	2	2	6	4	8	8	7	7
Household members	128	--	5	--	5	5	23	19	43	43	52	52
Farm wageworkers	36	--	2	--	1	1	10	4	14	14	9	9
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	5	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	4	4	--	--
150 to 249 days	3	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	2	2	--	--
Less than 150 days	27	--	2	--	1	1	7	1	8	8	9	9
Migratory	31	--	2	--	1	1	10	5	11	11	7	7
$7,500 and over:												
Households	64	2	5	--	3	1	14	13	6	4	33	33
Household members	327	2	10	--	9	3	58	52	30	20	217	217
Farm wageworkers	87	2	5	--	3	1	19	16	11	8	48	48
Duration of farm wagework:												
250 days or more	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	4
150 to 249 days	4	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	1	1	1	1
Less than 150 days	80	2	5	--	1	--	19	16	10	7	42	42
Migratory	76	2	5	--	3	1	18	16	10	9	38	38

1/ Number not shown when less than 500 persons.

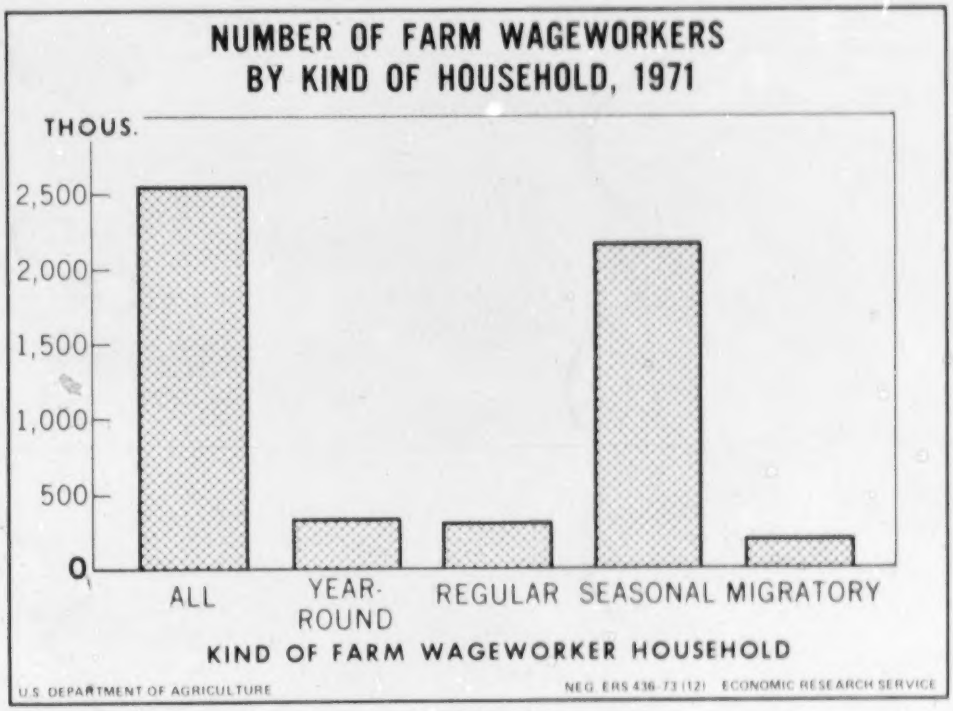
Source: Special tabulations from the Hired Farm Working Force Survey of 1971.

COMPARISON OF FARM WAGEWORKER HOUSEHOLDS BY FAMILY INCOME AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Family income and household size vary significantly among kinds of farm wageworker households--year-round, regular, seasonal, and migratory. Figures 1, 2, and 3 illustrate these differences and indicate their significance relative to all farm wageworker households.

Relative differences in the number of total farm wageworkers residing in each kind of farm wageworker household are indicated in figure 1. All farm wageworker households contained 2,550,000 farm wageworkers in 1971, and by far the largest share--2,149,000--resided in seasonal farm wageworker households. Year-round and regular households contained 332,000 and 305,000 farm wageworkers, respectively, while migratory households contained 195,000 farm wageworkers.

The proportion of farm wageworker households by family income and kind of household is illustrated in figure 2. The proportional distribution of seasonal farm wageworker households by family income is very similar to that for all farm wageworker households. The greatest amount of difference occurs between households containing some members who are employed most of the year (150-249 days) in farm wagework and households containing some members who perform migratory farm wagework. Of these two types of farm wageworker households--regular and migratory--the migratory farm wageworker households have the largest proportion in the $7,500 and over family income interval and the smallest proportion in the lower family income intervals. However, this comparison does not take into account payments in kind; items furnished by the employer, such as housing,



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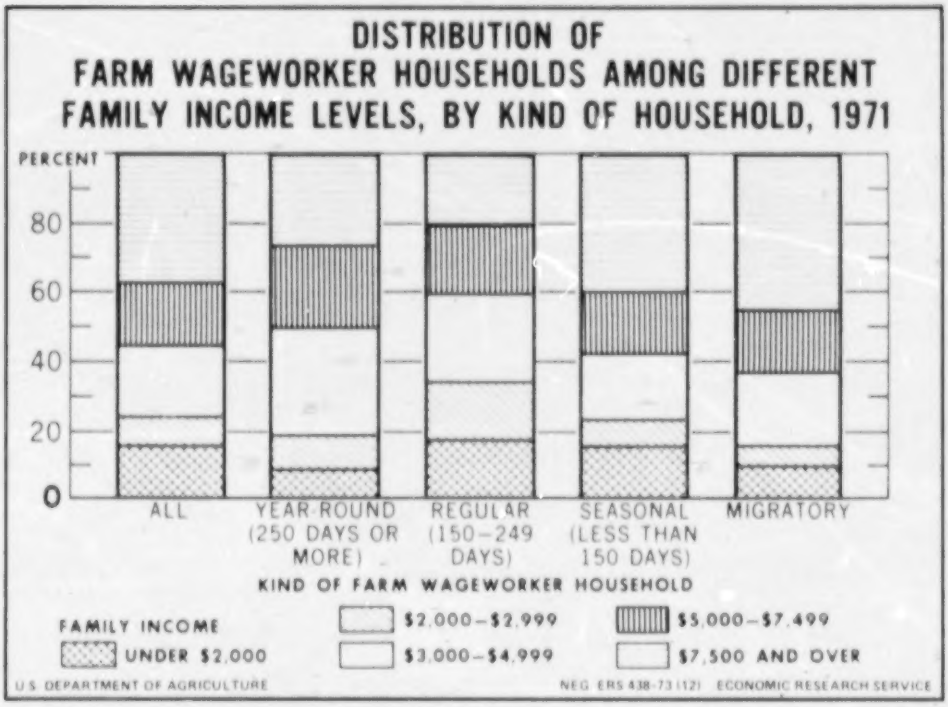

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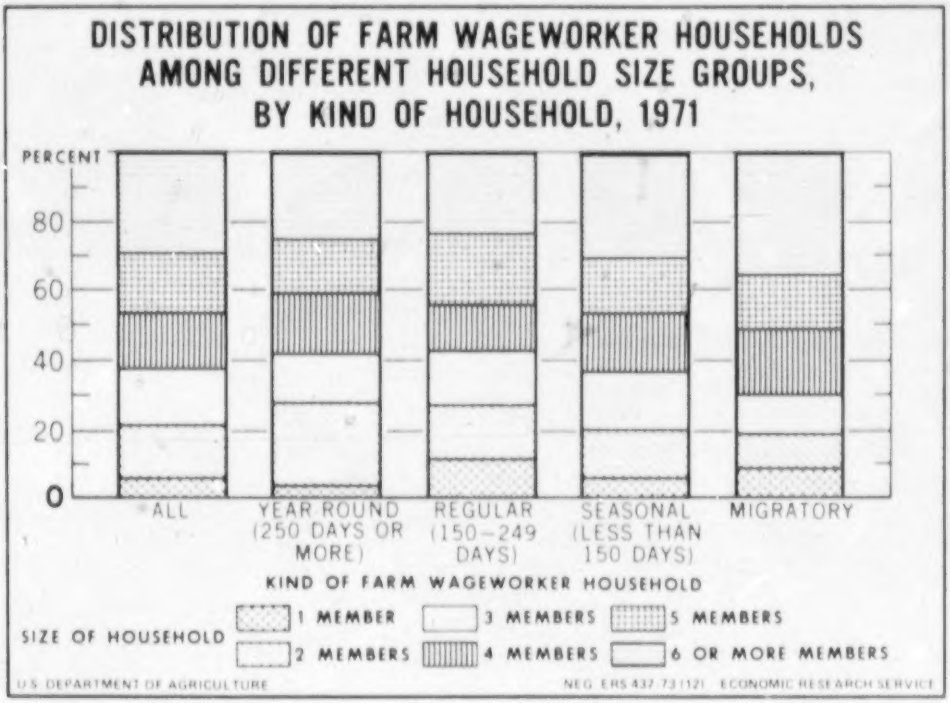

Figure 3

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room and board, and transportation; any adjustment for the additional cost of living that migrant families incur because they have to migrate to perform their farm employment; or household size. Therefore, even though the comparison shows a significant difference between these kinds of households, there are other considerations which might affect this comparison.

The similarity shown in figure 3 between the all farm wageworker household and seasonal farm wageworker household distributions by household size is caused by the large proportion of the total (81 percent) that are seasonal. The large proportion of households with members performing 250 days or more of farmwork who are in households with only two members and the smaller proportion of these year-round households with one member are noteworthy. No other categories show this much difference.

APPENDIX A

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Source of data.--The estimates in this report are based on data obtained in December 1971 through supplementary questions in the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census. The sample is spread over 449 areas comprising 863 counties and independent cities, with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Approximately 50,000 occupied households are designated for interview each month. Of this number, 2,250 occupied units, on the average, are visited but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 50,000, there are also about 8,500 sample units in an average month which are visited but are found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed (4).

The estimates in this report concern persons 14 years of age or older who did farm wagework in 1971. These data were compiled from questions asked only if a person 14 years of age or older had performed farmwork for wages or salary during 1971. These questions concerned number of days of farm wagework, farm wages, migratory status, nonfarm wagework and nonfarm wages, chief activity in 1971, residence, and other matters. Not included in this report are hired farmworkers who died, who entered the Armed Forces, or who were removed from the civilian noninstitutional population for other reasons prior to the survey. Also not included are foreign nationals who did farm wagework in this country and returned to their homes before the survey. The number of foreign nationals admitted declined sharply after the termination of Public Law 78 in December 1964, and in 1971 totaled only 13,684. 1/ The total number of persons excluded from this report probably does not exceed 400,000.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to give independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, race, and sex. These independent estimates were based on statistics from the 1970 Census of Population; statistics of births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

1/ Farm Labor Developments, Manpower Administration, U.S. Dept. of Labor.

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Reliability of the estimates.--Since the estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and enumerators. As in any survey work, the results are subject to errors of response and reporting as well as to sampling variability.

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability--that is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than the whole of the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report, the standard error also partially measures the effect of response and enumeration errors but does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

The figures presented in appendix tables 1-5 are approximations of the standard errors of various estimates shown in this report. To derive standard errors that would be applicable to a wide variety of itmes and could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the tables of standard errors provide an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard errors rather than the precise standard error for any specific item.

Appendix table 1--Standard errors for estimated numbers of persons who did farm wagework 1/

(68 chances out of 100)

Size of estimate	Standard error
25,000	9,000
50,000	12,000
100,000	18,000
250,000	29,000
500,000	42,000
1,000,000	65,000
2,500,000	121,000

1/ Standard errors for number of persons in farm wageworker households are the same as for farm wageworkers. To derive the standard errors for numbers of households, multiply the standard error for estimate by 0.85.

Estimated percentages and estimated averages are computed by using sample data for both numerator and denonminator. The reliability of these estimates depends upon both the size of the estimate and the size of the totals upon which the estimates are based. Estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding estimates of the numerators of the percentages, particularly if the percentages are 50 percent or more. Appendix table 2 contains the standard errors of estimated percentages. Averages are subject to large sampling variability since the sample estimate of an average is affected by extreme estimates. If sensitive indicators are needed, other types of statistics, such as medians, should be considered. Appendix tables 3, 4, and 5 contain the standard errors of estimated averages.

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Appendix table 2--Standard errors of percentages of persons who did farm wagework 1/

(68 chances out of 100)

Estimated percentage	Base of percentage in thousands of farm wageworkers						
	25	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500
	Percent						
2 or 98	4.9	3.5	2.4	1.5	1.1	0.8	0.5
5 or 95	7.6	5.4	3.8	2.4	1.7	1.2	0.8
10 or 90	10.5	7.4	5.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	1.0
15 or 85	12.5	8.8	6.2	3.9	2.8	2.0	1.2
20 or 80	14.0	9.9	7.0	4.4	3.1	2.2	1.4
25 or 75	15.1	10.7	7.6	4.8	3.4	2.4	1.5
35 or 65	16.1	11.8	8.3	5.3	3.7	2.6	1.7
50	17.4	12.3	8.9	5.5	3.9	2.8	1.7

1/ See footnote on Appendix Table 1.

Appendix table 3--Standard errors of average number of days of farm wagework 1/

(68 chances out of 100)

Average number of days of farm wagework per year per person	Base of average in thousands of farm wageworkers					
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500
10	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.3
25	3.5	3.1	2.2	1.5	1.3	0.9
50	10.2	7.2	5.7	4.0	3.4	2.3
100	19.2	13.6	9.6	6.8	5.0	3.3
150	19.7	14.0	9.5	6.8	3.6	2.4
200	15.5	11.0	7.0	5.0	3.0	2.0
250	11.3	8.0	5.0	3.5	1.3	0.9

1/ See footnote on Appendix Table 1.

This table pertains to averages computed from distributions allowed to vary over the entire range of days worked. Standard errors for truncated distributions (for example, workers with less than 25 days of farm wagework) are somewhat smaller.

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Appendix table 4--Standard errors of average annual earnings from farm wagework 1/

(68 chances out of 100)

Average earnings from farm wagework per year per person	Base of average in thousands of farm wageworkers					
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500
$ 150	31	22	14	10	9	6
250	58	41	26	19	16	11
500	118	84	53	41	35	23
750	178	126	80	64	54	36
1,000	219	155	98	85	68	45
2,000	314	223	141	132	96	64
3,000	331	235	149	138	99	66

1/ See footnote on Appendix Table 1.

Appendix table 5--Standard errors of average daily earnings from farm wagework 1/

(68 chances out of 100)

Average earnings from farm wagework per day per person	Base of average in thousands of farm wageworkers					
	50	100	250	500	1,000	2,500
$ 5.00	.60	.42	.27	.19	.14	.09
7.00	1.13	.81	.51	.36	.26	.17
9.00	1.46	1.04	.66	.50	.35	.23
11.00	1.52	1.08	.68	.53	.43	.28
13.00	1.54	1.09	.69	.55	.47	.31
15.00	1.57	1.11	.71	.56	.50	.33

1/ See footnote on Appendix Table 1.

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APPENDIX B

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Farm wageworkers.--Persons 14 years old and over in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States at the time of the survey who did any farmwork for cash wages or salary at any time in the year, even if for only 1 day.

Farmwork for cash wages or salary consists of the following: (1) Work done on any farm for cash wages in connection with the production, harvesting, threshing, preparation for market, or delivery to market of agricultural products; (2) work done off the farm for a farmer by his hired farmworker, such as trips to town to buy feed, seeds, or fertilizer, or to handle other matters involved in running the farm business; (3) repairs of farm buildings, machinery, and so forth, performed by a farm wageworker when done along with the type of work specified in (1) and (2) above; and (4) managing a farm enterprise for cash salary. Not included as farmwork for cash wages or salary are: (1) work performed by farm operators on their own farms, or "exchange" work between farmers; (2) work done exclusively for "pay in kind"; (3) work done without pay on a family farm by a member of the farm operator's family (a small regular cash allowance is not considered as farm wages); and (4) nonfarm work performed on a farm, such as the building of a farm structure by a local builder, the drilling of a well by a commerical well driller, the hauling of agricultural products to market by commercial truckers, or domestic service in the home of a farmer; and (5) custom work such as spraying, threshing, or combining, when a person is paid a combined rate for the use of his equipment and labor.

Household.--A household includes all the persons who occupy a room, a group of rooms, an apartment, or a house, which constitutes separate living quarters.

Household members.--Members of a household may include the household head, his wife, dependent children under 18 years of age, and other household members 18 years and over.

Household head is a person regarded as such by the members of the household. In most cases, it is the husband when he is present; however, other household members may be classified as the head if he is absent from the home.

Wife is the spouse of the household head.

Other members under 18 years may include children of the household head, other young relatives of the head, or nonrelatives residing in the household. For example, this classification may include in addition to the head's children, a younger brother or cousin of the head, the children of a lodger and his wife, or any independent person under 18 years who resides within the household.

Other members 18 years and over may include the older children of the head, other relatives, or persons not related to

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the head but who reside within the household. For example, this category might include a household head's older son, a brother or sister of a head, or a nonrelated lodger and his wife.

Farm wageworker household.--A household that contains a person who did farm wagework during the year, even if only for 1 day.

Regular farm wageworker household.--A household that contains at least one person who did 150 days or more of farm wagework during the year. For purposes of this report, this classification combines two groups of hired farmworker households: (1) households with members performing 150 to 249 days of farm wagework during the year and generally considered as regular hired farmworkers; and (2) households with members performing 250 or more days of farm wagework during the year, usually considered year-round farmworkers.

Seasonal farm wageworker household.--A household that contains at least one person who did less than 150 days of farm wagework during the year.

Migratory farm wageworker household.--A household that contains at least one person who (a) left home temporarily overnight to do farm wagework in a different county within the same State or in a different State with the expectation of eventually returning home, or (b) had no usual place of residence, and did farm wagework in two or more counties during the year.

Farm wagework participation rate.--The ratio of the number of household members engaged in farm wagework to the number of persons residing within the household.

Family income.--The money income received from all sources by the family members. It includes cash wages or salary, net income from self-employment, ocial security, interest, dividends, income from estates or trusts, net rental income, unemployment compensation, public assistance or welfare payments, and pensions, veterans' payments, annuities, alimony, etc. It does not include money received from the sale of property, bank withdrawls, money borrowed, tax refunds, gifts, lump-sum inheritances, or insurance payments.

Earnings from farmwork or nonfarm work.--Cash wages or salary received for farm or nonfarm work. Estimates of earnings do not include the value of perquisites received in connection with farmwork or the value of fringe benefits received for nonfarm work.

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